

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-189

Magi No. 2401895704

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Duke House

2. Location

street & number 301 South Main Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Berlin ☐ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr./Mrs. Robert Duke

street & number 301 South Main Street telephone no.: 301-641-3934

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Duke house is situated at the Southwest corner of South Main Street and Burley Street. The dwelling sits in a modest-sized yard, with the Main Street and Burley Street sides featuring square brick piers at the entrances and corners of the lot. These are connected by a privit hedge. A simple wood frame, gable-roofed garage covered with weatherboards is lcoated on the northwest corner of the lot.

The 2½ story rectangular wood frame dwelling, 4 x 5 bays, features a hip roof with boxed cornice. The principal facade faces South Main Street and is four bays across, with north and south facade cross gable projections. A brick chimney with arched cap is located at the convergence of the three rear roof planes. The dwelling's foundation is brick; it is sided with winyl and has asphalt roofing. Windows are 1/1 throughout.

The principal facade features a gable-roofed dormer centrally placed with a single 1/1 window and boxed cornice returns. The first floor fenestration is irregular, with the entrance being located in the second bay from the right and an oversized 1/1 window occupying the remaining bay to the left. The front door features a large oval, beveled glass with applied trim in the corners. A verandah with partial walls and simple classical-style columns extends across the front facade and wraps partially around the Burley Street (north) facade. Brick steps with heavy brick piers lead to the entrance.

On the north side a five-sided cut away bay projection under a cross gable features windows on three sides on the second floor and two on the first, the blank wall facing the verandah in a position to suggest a blocked-out doorway.

The south facade features a three-sided cut-away bay under a cross gable with an irregular window placement because of interior stairs.

The interior floor plan and woodwork of this house remain intact.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Duke house, although altered from its original appearance by white vinyl siding, is nonetheless an important anchor in Berlin's Historic District. It's scale and position on a street corner next to a modern house help to maintain continuity due to its shape, size and style.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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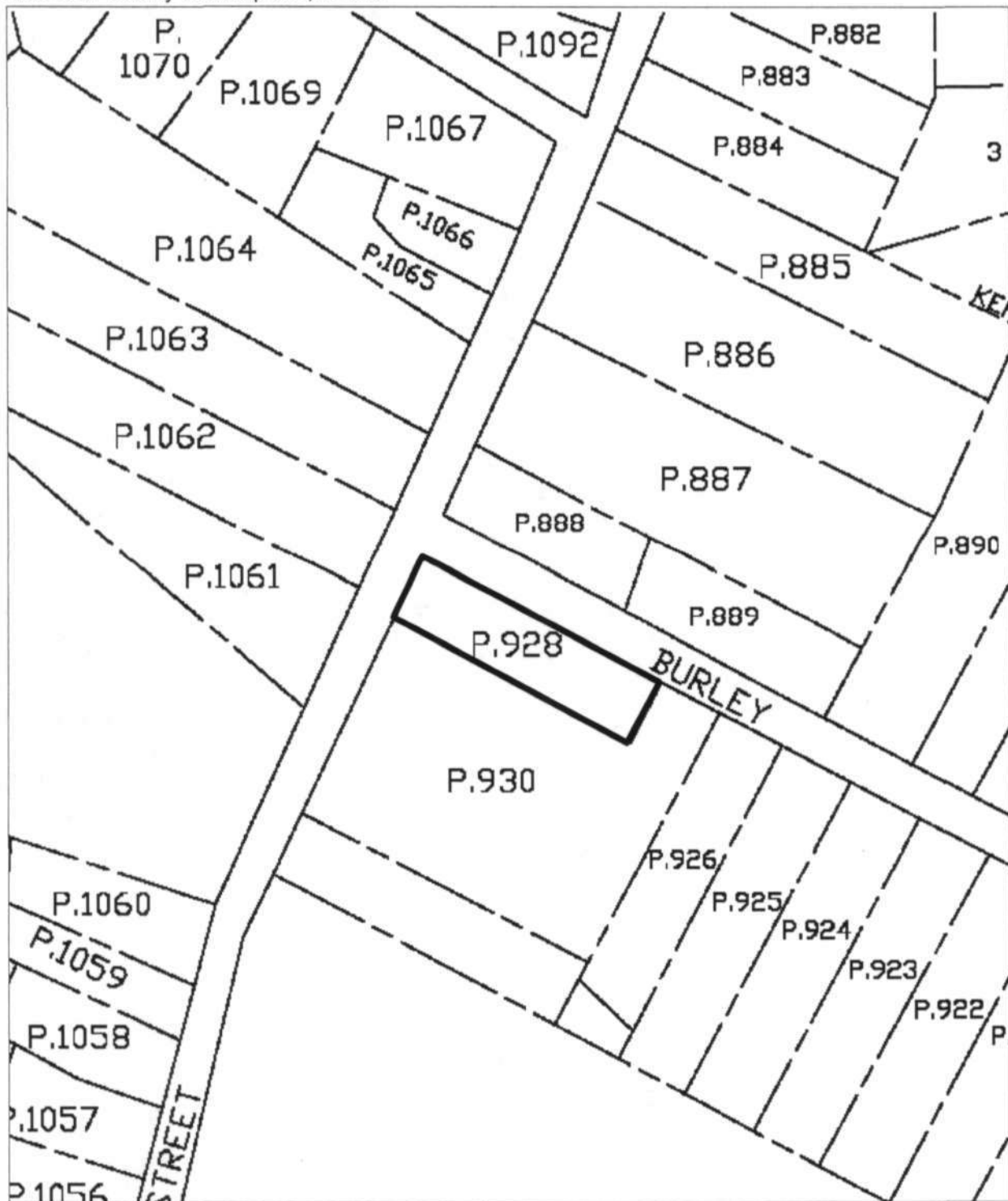
state Maryland

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Worcester County Tax Map 302, P. 928



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